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Tillamook language

Tillamook is an extinct Salishan language, formerly spoken by the Tillamook people in northwestern Oregon, United States. The last fluent speaker was Minnie Scovell who died in 1972.[3] In an effort to prevent the language from being lost, a group of researchers from the University of Hawaii interviewed the few remaining Tillamook-speakers and created a 120-page dictionary.[4]

Tillamook	
Native to	United States
Region	Northwestern Oregon
Ethnicity	Tillamook, Siletz
Extinct	1972, with the death of Minnie Scovell[1]
Language family	Salishan ▪ Coast Salish ▪ **Tillamook**
Dialects	Tillamook Siletz
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`til`
Glottolog	`till1254 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/till1254)`[2]

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Phonology

Vowels

	Front	Back
High	i	ə
Low	æ	ɑ

Consonants

	Alveolar		Postalveolar / palatal	Velar		Uvular		Glottal
	Central	Lateral		Unrounded	"Rounded"	Unrnd.	"Rnd."	
Stop	t			k	kˢ	q	qˢ	ʔ
Ejective	tʼ			kʼ	kˢʼ	qʼ	qˢʼ	
Affricate	t͡s		t͡ʃ					
Ejective affricate	t͡sʼ	t͡ɬʼ	t͡ʃʼ					
Fricative	s	ɬ	ʃ	x	xˢ	χ	χˢ	h
Nasal	n							
Approximant		l	j		ɰˢ			

Internal rounding

The so-called "rounded" consonants (traditionally marked with the diacritic ⟨ʷ⟩, but here indicated with ⟨ˢ⟩), including rounded vowels and ⟨w⟩ (/ɰˢ/), are not actually labialized. The acoustic effect of labialization is created entirely inside the mouth by cupping the tongue. Uvulars with this distinctive internal rounding have "a kind of ɔ timbre" while "rounded" front velars have ɯ coloring. These contrast and oppose otherwise very similar segments having ɛ or ɪ coloring—the "unrounded" consonants.

/w/ is also formed with this internal rounding instead of true labialization, making it akin to [ɰ]. So are vowel sounds formerly written as /o/ or /u/, which are best characterized as the diphthong /əɰ/ with increasing internal rounding.[5]

Notes

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- Tillamook Language (http://www.native-languages.org/tillamook.htm)
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- OLAC resources in and about the Tillamook language (http://www.language-archives.org/language/til)

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